

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 19th day of November, 2007 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight, Mayor
Jay Attaway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Vickie Abrego, Council Member
Karen Mayer, Council Member
Frank Hametner, Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Tom Ginter, City Manager
Allen Lawrence, City Attorney
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Don Brummett, Acting Public Works Director
Bill Haines, Assistant Police Chief/Harbormaster
Frank Truitt, City Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph & Lu Arcemont, Rosemary Vega, Jeanie Brummett, Jim & Alpha Covington

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 19, 2007.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Reverend Thomas Keith of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSENT AGENDA: *“All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.”*

- A. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2007.
- B. Approval of Ordinance No. 2007-3930 Approving the rezoning of Lots 1 and 2, Block 445, from Residential (R-7A) to Central Area (CA)

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION HENRY J. NEUMANN.

Mayor Knight read the proclamation recognizing Henry Neumann’s contribution to the community and presented the proclamation to Rosemary Vega, CEO of the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, who will deliver the proclamation to Mr. Neumann’s family.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Mayor Knight stated Reverend Keith had approached him regarding Habitat for Humanity and wanted to hear the Council Members’ opinions. He stated the City had tax resale property that might be available for such a project.

Reverend Thomas Keith stated his church was interested in taking care of the disadvantaged in the City. He stated he was aware the San Antonio Diocese has been very powerful in building Habitat organizations throughout South Texas and was convinced the (San Antonio) Diocese would be helpful to Habitat projects. He stated the church has a Habitat for Humanity organization. He stated if a corporation could not be formed to purchase the land necessary to build a Habitat for Humanity home, that the

The City Manager stated he had been in contact with Corpus Christi Neighborhood Development Services regarding obtaining tax resale land without going through the bidding process and found that there are State laws that allow communities to do that. He stated he did not think the City would have to form a corporation and State law allowed a city to deed tax resale property to a nonprofit organization under certain conditions, but he would do more study. He stated he and the City Inspector would compile a list of the tax resale properties available in the City and do more research.

The City Attorney suggested the City Manager check with the City of Rockport for their process for Habitat for Humanity projects. He stated the City could then sponsor an organization, convey property to that organization at a nominal cost, have an agreement as to the purpose of the conveyance, and the organization would then build the home.

The City Manager stated yes.

ITEM 6. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTING RULES FOR ON-SITE SEWER FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS.

ITEM 8. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2007-3927 ADOPTING RULES FOR ON-SITE SEWER FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS.

ITEM 9. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2007-3929 TO AMEND ARTICLE II. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC., DIVISION 4. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, SEC. 2-16. CREATED.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to adopt the Ordinance amending Article II. Boards, Commissions, Committees, Etc., Division 4, Parks and Recreation Board, Sec. 2-16, Created as recommended by City Manager Tom Ginter. Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10. CONSIDER AND ACT ON EXTENDING THE GLO/CITY OF ARANSAS PASS CONTRACT FEASIBILITY PERIOD.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to extend the GLO/City of Aransas Pass Contract Feasibility Period for 60 days. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for roads with Aransas County. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager stated the Chamber makes their budget for two years, but only the 2007-2008 budget was before the Council.

The City Manger stated yes.

Rosemary Vega, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce stated the Chamber had accepted the City Manager as an ex-officio on the Board so he would be updated on the Chamber.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce FY2007-2008 budget. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager stated the Gillespie Lane water and sewer project should start after the Thanksgiving holiday and reminded everyone that “Holiday on the Harbor” festival is November 29 through December 1.

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

- A. Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property-Property Disposition Contract-HB 1740 Property.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:54 p.m.

- A. Section 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property-Property Disposition
Contract-HB 1740 Property..

Mayor Knight stated there would be no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, City Secretary